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1. A non-Turk closely connected with foreign diplomatic circles in Istanbul stated that, although the Greek and Turkish Governments had agreed that the territory which makes up the Karaağaç triangle would be occupied by Turkish troops in the event that Greek forces were unable to assure free communications between Edirne and Istanbul, it is now reported that the Greek Government has rushed regular forces to occupy it.

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Comment: Karaağaç is in that part of Greece which pushes into Turkey and forms a pocket. It is close to Edirne, the Merig (Maritsa) River, and the Edirne-Istanbul railroad.

2. The Greek Government took this action in order to prevent this sector from falling into the hands of the insurgents, as the population of the area along the 36 kilometers of the Edirne-Istanbul railroad in Thrace is known to be in full sympathy with those EAM guerrillas operating out of Bulgaria.
3. A high ranking Turkish officer stated that all Turkish frontier posts have been reinforced during the past two weeks. The Class of 1927 has been called up from Thrace and the Istanbul district, and the recruits are being kept in Thrace for training.

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